

## **Local Boundary Commission**

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A commission of five cannot do a good job of divvying up part of a state that is a third the size of the continental US. Suitable boundaries cannot be determined using only maps, statistics, and charts. It is important to tap the knowledge of the people who live in these areas, especially those close to the potential boundaries. Please listen to the comments of the people who speak from the affected areas and use them to adjust the lines on your maps.

How are you going to use this document? As a goal, or an ideal, by which to judge proposals that are brought to you, to judge the state's interest, would be fine. It could be useful as a guide not only to the LBC but to the potential petitioners. But it will only be as useful as it is realistic. You may think a line goes best in one spot, but if the people and local governments think differently this review will only serve as a source of strife. Worse, if this review will be used to justify forcing borough government on people against their will, that would be tyranny.

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